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39 DECISIONS AT WEST TORONTO CRUSADE FOR CHRIST, NOVEMBER 10-18, 1962

The annual Toronto Bible College Evangelistic Campaign was held this year in conjunction with five churches in West Toronto—**High Park Baptist,—Rev. H. Fife; The Church of the Epiphany,—Rev. J. D. Paterson; Olivet Baptist,—Rev. C. R. Evans; Parkdale Baptist,—Rev. Wm. McLean; Dovercourt Road Baptist—Rev. R. W. Wilson;** and the **Christian Business Men's Committee —West Fellowship.** These annual campaigns involve the entire student body of the College, and time is released from lectures in order to do this very practical and very profitable field work.

A great deal of preparation and planning are necessary for a project of this scope, and it was early in the Spring of 1962 that at the invitation of the Churches, the Bible College joined with them in laying the ground work for a complete Gospel blitz of the West Toronto Community of these five churches.

The speaker for the week was Rev. Don Summers of Bristol, England, an associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Team, and a man of simplicity and power. His Bible centred messages spoke to hearts and lives.

The week of evangelism began with a special Saturday night Rally on November 10th, when a good turn-out filled the ground floor of High Park Baptist Church. The pattern for the evening services was set at this service, with the T.B.C. Chorale, and T.B.C. singing groups bringing special music, and students giving their testimonies. On every night but one, decisions were made for the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the high light was on the Saturday night November 17, when 29 young people responded to the call for dedication, and they laid their lives upon the altar of consecration and service.

The work for the students began at 8:15 every morning when a fleet of cars met at the Bible College, to transport the students to the High Park Church area.

There they had an hour of briefing, prayer, testimony, and preparation for the morning's activity, which involved visiting the homes of the community. This program was laid out with military precision, and the student Evangelistic Leaders (John Pomeroy and Cynthia Harrison) did a tremendous job in organization.

Each afternoon Children's Meetings were held in four of the five churches and these too were in the charge of the students. In each one of the meetings, decisions were made for the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Wednesday afternoon a special Ladies' Meeting was held which was directed by the Women students of the College, and Don Summers spoke. Some 50 women gathered for the special meeting.

REV. DON SUMMERS
Billy Graham Team, from Bristol, Eng.

It is difficult to evaluate such a crusade, but from the comments of both ministers and church people, and the results that were very evident, the Campaign was worthwhile in the reviving of God's people, and the salvation of souls. The ministers themselves have testified to the quickening among their own people, and if this can spread out even farther, then the work of the Campaign is not yet finished.

The following is a list of the statistics compiled to show the extent of the Campaign.

Homes visited—7,048
Unchurched families in homes visited —516
Children attending 20 meetings—1,280
Special services held in churches—17
Decisions in evening meetings—37
Special contacts (people dealt with, asking for ministers etc.)—212
Decisions for Christ during visitation —2.

In addition to the foregoing, students themselves spoke of the new work done in their own hearts, and many of them caught a new glimpse of what God can do through various means when He has the people willing and ready to work.

(D.C.P.)

NEW ADVANCE PROGRAM

Friends and Alumni of the College have received through the mail, news of the New Advance Program of the College. We trust you are praying and working with us as we move forward into our 70th Year.

One of our noted Alumni members, writes of his first experience of

HOW GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE

Oswald J. Smith, Class of 1912.
Founder and "Minister of Missions",
Peoples Church, Toronto.

"I commenced my pastorate at this particular church at a time when they were holding their Annual Missionary Convention. I had never been to a convention in my life, and didn't know the first thing to do. So I just sat there on the platform and watched.

"The ushers were giving out envelopes, and presently, one had the audacity to walk right up the aisle and hand me — the pastor — one of the envelopes! I sat there holding it in my hand. Never will I forget that moment.

"As I held it I read it: "In dependence upon God I will endeavor to give . . . $——— during the coming year." I had never read such a statement before. I did not know that that morning God was going to deal with me and teach me a lesson that I was never to forget.

"I started to pray, 'Lord God, I can't do anything. You know I have nothing. I haven't a cent in the bank. This church pays me $25.00 a week. I have a wife and child to keep, . . .'

"'I know that.' the Lord said. 'I know you are only getting $25.00 a week. I know you have nothing in your pocket and nothing in the bank.'

"'Well, then,' I continued, 'that settles it. I have nothing to give and I cannot give anything.'

"Then the Lord spoke again. 'I am not asking you for what you have,' He said. 'I am asking you for a Faith Offering. How much can you trust Me for?'

"'Oh, Lord,' I exclaimed, 'that's different. How much can I trust Thee for?'

"I knew nothing about a Faith Offering. But I knew the Lord was speaking. Once I had given $5.00 for missions, once $3.00, once $2.00, but never more than $5.00. I almost trembled as I waited for His answer.

"Presently it came. I am not going to ask you to believe that God spoke to me in an audible voice, but He might just as well have done so. I was unaware of the congregation as I sat there listening to the Voice of God.

"'Fifty dollars.'

"'Fifty dollars,' I exclaimed. 'Why, Lord, how can I ever get $50.00?'

"But again the Lord spoke, and I obeyed His command. How I ever paid that amount I really cannot say. Every month I had to pray for $4.00, and every month the Lord gave it to me. I received such a blessing, it was such a thrill, that as I paid the final amount, I realized that it had been one of the greatest experiences of my life."

Ed. Note: Do we really trust God, or do we just say we trust Him?

Have you ever made a promise to God, a faith promise?

"Faith mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone,
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries 'It shall be done.'"

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Helping Hands

You have stretched out yours before, and may be interested in doing it again.

Remember the plea for paint? One of our two buildings has been done, thanks to you. Now the main building awaits its turn, and some other needs have arisen. Perhaps one of them can be shared by you:

- Painting of the main building.
- A typewriter (used but in good condition).
- Several small rugs for offices and rooms.
- Office equipment (filing cabinets etc.)

Would you like to give a Helping Hand — by contribution or equipment? You can help ease the load at T.B.C. by lending a Helping Hand.

COME

TO THE

T.B.C. ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

February 6-9, 1963

Hear: Rev. A. P. Lee, (Theme Speaker)

Dr. A. Glasser, Dr. V. Mortenson,
Rev. H. Whealy, Rev. H. Percy,
Rev. C. R. Tournay and others.

25 Missionaries, counselling, panel discussions, literature, films.

ALL SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR YOU:

Morning sessions—
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon sessions—(tentative)
2 00 - 4:00 p.m.

Evening sessions—7.45 - 9:30 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

NEW SECRETARY IN BUSINESS OFFICE

Grace Ellis, a member of the graduating Class of '62, has joined the Secretarial Staff of Toronto Bible College.

Miss Ellis came to the College from Burlington, Ontario. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, of which the Rev. J. J. Roberts '17 is Pastor.

Before she enrolled at T.B.C., the new Secretary was employed in a similar position with the Royal Bank of Canada. In giving Miss Ellis a cordial welcome to the Staff, the administration also takes this opportunity of recognizing the other Office Secretaries, namely, Misses Lilian Softley, Ione Essery, Lorna Arndt, Mrs. C. P. VanDuzen, and Mrs. K. Murray, who give so unstintingly of their time and talent to the College.

(C. E. Falconbridge)

Memorial Gift Plan

Of late, we have lost several alumni and friends, whom the Lord has called Home to be with Himself. Friends and relatives, knowing of their interest in Toronto Bible College, have sent in gifts to the College as a Memorial for the loved ones. Instead of spending money for flowers that fade and die, they have been investing in the work that is eternal, that "your fruit should remain."

We remind you of this, as a means of having a lasting memorial. Specially prepared cards and letters are sent to the bereaved family, and letters and receipts go to the donor. If you are interested, please contact the Executive Secretary anytime for help or information. Your gift can be used for a specific purpose or for the general work of the College.

Phone Rev. C. E. Falconbridge, WA 1-5808 anytime, and he will be glad to help you.

A 3 Fold Cord

The ties that bind the College to its graduates are strong and long lasting. Within the past months, from different people in different parts of the world have come three typical letters. Names are omitted, not to protect the anonymity of the writers, but to give the correct impression that these letters speak for hundreds of other individuals and scores of Christian organizations.

FROM THE HOME MINISTRY

"I just wanted to write you a little note to express my thanks for the teaching and counselling given to me during the past three years.

I am especially grateful for your missionary emphasis. When I came to T.B.C. I knew almost nothing about missions and my concept of missionaries was such that I felt that it was a terrible luxury for them to have a washing machine. Needless to say, my ideas have drastically changed.

Though I feel that God has called me to a home ministry for the immediate future, I still have a burden for the foreign field and I know that if God wants me on the mission field, He will lead me there in His own time.

Yours in Christ."

FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

"This gift is shuttling back and forth isn't it? But that's how the Lord supplies so very often. The person who sent me this said use it as you wish — it's not much in view of the tremendous expense of T.B.C. but I can't begin to pay back all I owe. So this is a token of my thanks to the Lord for the training provided at T.B.C.

My 'circumstances' have changed again —I hear the initials of one mission stand for "Sure I'll Move." Well, though our Mission's initials are different the same thing happens here. The Lord led me out of the 'nest' at Carrieres to Nogent Bible Institute — to live with the students and continue commuting to the Alliance Francaise.

I'm sending this by ordinary mail to save a little, so I expect you'll be nearing or already in Missionary Conference. Our prayers are with you all, that the Lord will reign in the meetings and in lives. I know so well the struggles, and the joy of surrendering to His perfect will.

In His Joy."

FROM A MISSION BOARD

"We are glad to say that two more graduates of Toronto Bible College have been accepted as Missionaries by this Mission: both for service in Northern Rhodesia.

We are very happy for this further strengthening of the links between the College and the Mission, and are thankful to God for the fine training and orientation which so many of our Missionaries received during their days at T.B.C.

Sincerely, in His Service."

Special Notice

LECTURES AND SEMINARS IN ARCHAEOLOGY

WITH THE NOTED

DR. LAIRD HARRIS

Covenant College & Theological Seminary

ST. LOUIS, MO.

JANUARY 24-26, 1963

THURSDAY & FRIDAY SESSIONS:
9:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
IN THE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Ministers, Theological Students and the Christian Public are Welcome at All Sessions.

Invite your Pastor and Friends for this Special Winter Feature at T.B.C.

At home, and across the seas, missions, missionaries and ministers are all linked with Toronto Bible College which for 70 years has been training and sending laborers into the harvest fields of the world.

Are you linked with us?

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Missionaries Recommend T. B. C.

Toronto Bible College is a "missionary" College, and large numbers of its graduates are found on the Mission fields of the world. One who has just returned from a visit to Africa to take up the task as home representative has written: "I trust that there may be an opportunity to visit the College again. My wife and I have been so grateful to the Lord for leading us to study at T.B.C."

Others have recommended T.B.C. as a place of study for nationals who cannot be trained in their own countries. Two such folk have applied for entrance in 1963-'64. Coming from the tropics, the problems of clothing, residence and tuition etc. are big ones. They are coming, trusting that the Lord will continue to provide. One of them, an African teacher, writes: "I want to know His will and walk in it more than anything else. I am waiting for Him to reveal His purpose for my life, and cling only to His mercy and loving favour for I have no merits of my own. I think I have enough (money) to cover my passage and my first year. I am willing to work my way through the remaining years and I am glad there is a chance to do so."

The other one, now employed by a national radio station says: "Your T.B.C. missionaries out here are very dear friends of ours in the Lord. They were used to lead us to the Lord and how we love them. We pray that the Lord will give us grace for the days that lie ahead. The 1962 Gateway is lovely. Thank you for all the help you have given and all we shall receive in the future."

These come to us fully and highly recommended by Missionaries. They come as strangers, but sisters in the Lord. If any readers of the Recorder will be interested in helping or even sponsoring their time here (tuition etc.) do let us know. But for them we covet prayer fellowship as they take this big and decisive step into the new experiences, new country and new friends in preparation for service as they return to their own country to serve the Lord Jesus Christ there.

Carol Service Draws Record Crowd

The Annual T.B.C. Carol Service was held in the new PEOPLES CHURCH on Dec. 13, and was repeated at the PHILPOTT MEMORIAL CHURCH, HAMILTON, on Dec. 14.

At the Peoples Church, an audience, estimated by the Pastor Dr. Paul B. Smith at 2200, caused a mammoth traffic jam that stretched for nearly a mile, filled the hugh parking lot to capacity and spilled over into the many side streets surrounding the Church.

But it takes more than people to make a service the blessing that this one proved to be. It was the evident presence of the Lord, the hours of prayer and the consecrated singing of the students that made it such a blessed and memorable evening.

The special feature was John Peterson's, "BORN A KING" a cantata of deep spiritual power. The narration by Rev. A. B. Stein, '30, and the arrangements for the brass ensemble all combined with the music to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Under the leadership of Rev. William Crump, the 180 Voice Student Choir, and the 40 Voice Chorale, and many other special group and solo numbers maintained T.B.C.'s reputation for presenting the best in Gospel music and spiritual ministry in song.

It was a great night, and we thank God for His blessing, and for Dr. Paul Smith and Dr. O. J. Smith for their fellowship and help on this and many other occasions.

NOW HOLD APRIL 26, 1963 FOR THE GRADUATION SERVICE AT VARSITY ARENA. IT WILL BE ANOTHER NIGHT, LONG TO BE REMEMBERED!

Alumni News

NEW BRANCH ORGANIZED AT NORTH BAY

We are pleased to report on the organization of the youngest Branch of the Alumni Association, born on October 27, 1962.

Alumni from Sudbury and Powassan joined those in the North Bay area meeting for dinner at the Empire Hotel, North Bay. After a most pleasant time of fellowship around the festive board, our Alumni Secretary, Rev. C. E. Falconbridge, conducted election proceedings resulting in the appointment of the following officers:

President: Rev. John Robinson '50
Secretary: Mrs. Harry Reid
Treasurer: Mrs. Gerald Dobbs (Mary Catherine Marshall '47)

A special word of thanks goes to Rev. Denzill Raymer, former Faculty member of the College whose interest and assistance contributed so much to this happy and important event.

The College film was shown at the Youth Rally held in the Salvation Army Chapel. The College Ladies Trio brought several numbers at this service and also on Sunday morning at Calvary Baptist Church, the Alumni Secretary being the speaker on this occasion.

Congratulations to the North Eastern Ontario Branch of our Alumni Association!

(C.E.F.)

ON THE HOME FRONT

MR. BILL McNEIL '61 is Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Lenore, Manitoba.

REV. '42 and MRS. (VIOLET CLAPTON '33) WM. GLENN are at Westport Baptist Church, Digby County, N.S.

MISS GRACE VARLEY '62 is attending Prairie High School, Three Hills, Alta.

MISS HELEN STAFFORD '62 is attending Caronport High School, Caronport, Sask.

MISS JEAN HOPKINS '62 is working with the Bible Club Movement and is presently teaching in 34 classrooms in the Aylmer-St. Thomas area.

REV. JOHN HADALL '31 is Pastor of Brant St. Bible Church (A.G.C.) Burlington, Ontario.

DR. and MRS. (ENID CARTER '48) H. N. ENGLUND are in Berkeley, California, where Dr. Englund is Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

CAPTAIN B.Th. '62 and MRS. GORDON BROWN are in charge of the Salvation Army Corps in Welland, Ontario.

REV. WRENNIE BRYANT '49 was ordained to the Baptist ministry in Emmanuel United Baptist Church, Hammond Plains, N.S., on October 18, 1962.

MR. ALAN MILLER '59 is ministering at Walford Station, Ontario, at Walford Bible Centre (Brethren).

HOME ON FURLOUGH

MISS IRENE QUICK '48 (S.A.G.M.) from Natal, South Africa.

MISS RUTH MacLEOD '32 (United Church O.M.B.) from Formosa.

TO THE FIELD ON SERVICE

REV. '40 and MRS. HENRY HAWKINS (S.A.G.M.) have returned to South Africa.

MR. and MRS. (JEAN SPENCE '31) HERBERT F. ROWE (O.M.F.) to Singapore.

Mr. B.Th. '60 and MRS. (JANET WOODCOCK '57-'59) GERALD JACKSON (W.R.M.F.) to Ecuador, S. America.

REV. and MRS. (JEAN HUDSON '59) CHARLES FARR to Jamaica, under the Anglican Church.

MISS DONNA SKITCH '62 to Jos, Nigeria, where she will serve as hostess in Rock Haven Rest Home, with the United Missionary Society.

MR. and MRS. (RUTH TOLLEY '49) PETER AMY to La Paz, Bolivia.

MISS ANN KILBURN '60 to MR. AL GLENDENNING on October 20, 1962, in the Weston Baptist Church, Weston, Ontario.

MISS RUTH WILEY to MR. BILL MACKEY '56 at Guestville United Church, Mount Dennis, Ontario, on October 20, 1962. MR. SAM MACKEY '61 and MR. JIM MACKIE '57 were ushers.

MISS EVELYN TAYLOR to MR. ALAN MILLER '59 on November 24, 1962 in Gatchell Gospel Hall, Sudbury, Ontario. MR. RON SHEFFIELD '59 was best man.

To MR. '55-'58 and MRS. (HELEN B.Th. '59) ROBERT COOCH a daughter, Miriam Roberta, on August 11, 1962, in the Chad, Africa.

To MR. '53 and MRS. DAVID FULLER a daughter, Esther Nadine, on October 4, 1962 in the Philippines a sister for Jonathan.

To MR. '51-'53 and MRS. DAVID HARRIS a daughter Lori Ann, on October 15, 1962, at Hollywood, Florida.

MISS MINNIE BRIMSTIN '98 on October 19, 1962, in Toronto, Ontario.

MRS. JOHN (ELLA TILLY, '36) WILSON, who served with her husband for nearly a quarter of a century with International Missions in India. Mrs. Wilson was brought home seriously ill this year, and passed into the presence of the Lord on November 27th, 1962. Here is another gap left in the missionary ranks. Pray for her husband and family that the Lord will undertake for them, and that He will speak to someone to take her place in India.

CLEAR SHINING AFTER RAIN
by E. Margaret Clarkson
Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
Price $2.50

Toronto's Miss Clarkson's warm, devotional poetry has long been used by Christians. Her "As The Father Hath Sent Me" has become a worshipful, challenging, missionary song. This is included (page 14) with a host of others of like merit.

Here is Christian verse at its best.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT
by Roland Allen
Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Another missions book by that provocative author of "Missionary Methods, St. Paul's or Ours?"

This present paper back volume is a group of his selected writings, most of them an appeal for a Spirit-led, world-wide work for God. He is clearcut and decisive as usual.

APOSTLE EXTRAORDINARY
by R. E. O. White
Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company
Price $3.50

Here is a modern portrait of the greatest of the Apostles, the soldier and slave of the Lord Jesus Christ: Paul of Tarsus.

Mr. White's sketches of Paul, drawn from the New Testament records, leaves one awed at what God can do in and through a man wholly yielded to Himself.

"This is true: never has the church more desperately needed powerful men, or God more urgently sought the men He can trust with power."

(D.C.P.)